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Telegrams from Guatemala reporting widespread arrests anti-Communist elements in press, radio and labor circles have caused serious concern for ORIT Department. Suggest you convey information to Sarafino Romualdi,/ meeting ~~with ORIT San José~~, that four leaders Union de Trabajadores Libres, ~~newly formed free labor organization not yet affiliated with ORIT~~, have been arrested: Ruben Villatoro, President, Enrique Coronado, Secretary, Ramiro Aguilar, Treasurer and Miguel Quiroa. ~~Condemnatory resolutions or other publicity by ORIT might be very effective this situation.~~ If necessary [illegible] ORIT condemnatory resolution would be helpful.

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